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I oppose the Microsoft settlement. It is bad for the computing profession and bad for long term economic development. I have been a software professional since 1973, and in my personal experience the dominance of Microsoft has had a negative impact on quality and innovation in the software industry. The settlement does not address the practices that have kept Microsoft in power. A continuation of the Microsoft monopoly will only reduce the growth and future utility of the software industry, and keep the general public from reaping the rewards of continued innovation in this relatively young field.

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